missed Railway employees would be sympathetically considered and would be sent to the Cabinet for its approval. Again on 21st August, the Railway Minister made a statement on the floor of this House that the issue of the reinstatement of dismissed Railway employees has been sent to the Cabinet for its approval.

Sir, already 20 days have elapsed. These dismissed Railway employees are out of jobs for more than eleven years. A few of these employees have already died. Many of them are starving. The Railway Minister is here. May I know from the Railway Minister as to when these dismissed Railway employees who were dismissed in January, 1980 and who are numbering more than 600 would be reinstated, as the order was passed by the previous Government? May I know from the Minister, who is here, when this reinstatement would be made? When these Railway employees would be reinstated? Both the Ministers of Ministry of Railways are here.

Sir, the Railway Minister can tell the House. This is the demand of the entire House. There are no two opinions in this. The entire House is unanimous on this. These employees are out of jobs for eleven years. They should be reinstated. They should be brought back to their jobs. May I know from the Minister to tell this House of the action he is going to take? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE(Bolpur): Sir, when this issue was raised earlier, you have been pleased to make an observation that we should accept the sympathetic approach as a commitment. That commitment is not being fulfilled. He says he has referred to Cabinet. When the Cabinet will take a decision? (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Sir, this demand has been going on repeatedly during the course of reply to the last Budget debate and later on also. I want to inform my friends that they don't need to bring any more pressure, no need for dharna. I have made my recommendation to the Cabinet formally. Once it comes before the Cabinet, it can be attended to.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Favourably? (*Interruptions*).

(*Translations*)

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as a matter of fact, I do not want to raise these questions time and again in the House as they fall under the jurisdiction of the Government. But we have certain compulsions. One of our friends, Mr. Sharda Prasad Rawat was assassinated yesterday and even before his dead body was consigned to flames, a murderous assault was made on Shri Chhote Lal Yadav, another colleague of ours. Today Morning. I talked to doctors on telephone who say that he is still not out of danger. His condition is very critical. One of the brothers of our sitting M.L.A. from Ghaziabad constituency was killed. I do not want to blame anyone. But I want to say this much that both Shri Sharda Prasad Rawat and Chhote Lal Yadav worked with Mr. Kalyan Singh in the U.P. Cabinet during 1977. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA (South Delhi): He has referred to the Chief-Minister by name (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Sir, they have withdrawn the security to all the leaders. There is an organised attack on political leaders. Don't allow these things to happen in this country. (*Interruption*).

There is an organised attack, they have

withdrawn security to all political leaders. The U.P. Government is indulging in political vendetta and organising attack on all political leaders. They were the Ministers in the U.P. Government. Where are we going to seek protection? If the whole Government commits an organised political vendetta and attack on political leaders, withdrawing their security, where will we seek protection, I want to know. Mr. Advani said yesterday that he would also intervene and tell the Chief Minister. Let him tell his Chief Minister. (*Interruptions*). have a meeting with all of qus. If you are honest, call a meeting with him. They have withdrawn the security to all political leaders and they are being attacked, they are being killed. This kind of Government is functioning in Uttar Pradesh today. We are not going to allow such things to happen in this country. (*Interruptions*).

At this stage, Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri and some other Hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please go back to your seats. Let me say something now.

(*Interruptions.*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please you go back to your seats. Let me say something.

(*Interruptions.*)

MR SPEAKER: I adjourn the House to meet again at 12.45 p.m.

12.14 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till forty-five minutes past Twelve of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha reassembled at forty eight minutes past Twelve of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Mohan Singhji was on his legs. I will allow him to complete and then Shri Ram Vilas Paswan will speak.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI (Saidpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have given a notice on some other subject.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Well, I think that we should not prolong the discussion. What one or two Members are saying is going to be, by the large, the view of the Members belonging to one Party or the other and so, please do not allow it to spill over into a wider area and please let it be contained. May I request the other hon. Members not to insist on speaking and other on this issue?

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOHAN SINGH: I did not level allegations against anyone.

MR. SPEAKER: You may explain your point in plain words.

SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am relating my tale of woes to the august House, as to how our colleagues are being killed on after another. But the problem is that:-

> "Hum aah bhi bharate hain, to ho jate hain badnam
> Wo katal bhi karte hain, to charcha naheen hota".

The difficulty with us is that assault was made on two of our former ministers in which one died and the condition of the other is

critical. Both of them happened to be the colleagues of the present Chief Minister during 1977. I am distressed to say that the State Government neglected the security of their former ministers and former M.L.A. Had proper attention been paid to their security the assassination of political leaders would not at all have started in Uttar Pradesh. All these political workers who belong to our party are being assassinated one after another. It is a very serious matter. If the State Government is unable to provide security to political activists, the Central Government must intervene. I want to submit that the Government should assist Uttar Pradesh Government for providing security to the political workers who are working for the poor, the backward the downtrodden and the minorities. With this, I draw the attention of the Government to this issue and I conclude.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): Mr. Speaker, Sir, recently you had convened a meeting of leaders of all the parties and I am happy to note that you as well as the leader of opposition had taken the issue seriously. I had raised this issue in the House yesterday also when I got the news of Shri Sharda Prasad Rawat's assassination. At that time Shri Sitaram Kesri who was sitting opposite to us said that our voice was low (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SITARAM KESRI: I was not pointing to you only.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Since we are all political workers, we all come here from the political field. Today, they are in power and we sit in opposition. It could be that we won't remain an M.P. the other day. Nobody knows as to where we will the next moment. It is not known whether we will be on the roads or in the Parliament. But this does not mean that by coming to roads one would lose his self-respect.

Yesterday I raised the issue of the murder of Shri Sharda Prasad Rawat and today another such incident took place when Shri Chhote Lal Yadav, the former Uttar Pradesh Minister and a devoted worker to the cause of the poor was shot at today. He is reported to be struggling for life. So it is natural that we are not only concerned over it, but we have resentment and distress also on the recurrence of such incidents.

Shri Lal K. Advani, the leader of the opposition and the top leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party is present here. I would like to request him to provide security in Uttar Pradesh without any consideration of party affiliation, as security has been withdrawn from the residences of all the leaders. I am not in favour of providing security to all, nor do I favour its withdrawal from all. Security is provided to the one who needs it but when it is alleged that the withdrawal of his security has resulted in the murder of a person, it definitely becomes a matter of concern and the incident which has recurred is very regrettable, regrettable for us, the political workers as well as for the Uttar Pradesh Government. So, I would like to request Shri Advani who is the leader of the opposition and that of the Bhartiya Janata Party, to ensure that such incidents do not recur and hence should speak to the Uttar Pradesh Government. The Minister of Home Affairs is here, I do not know where was he all these days. Now that this untoward incident has taken place (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: He is not having any notice. He is in the Rajya Sabha. He is Leader of the Rajya Sabha.

SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH (Rajgarh): It must be expunged.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: I myself withdrew my statement and so it stands expunged (*Interruptions*) There is nothing unparliamentary in 'napping'. I would like to request the Minister of State for Home Affairs who is present in the House to take this issue seriously, discuss it with the Uttar Pradesh Government and let the House know about the action taken in this connection.

SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV (Shahjahanpur): Sir, I would not like to speak much. I have to say one or two things only. Just a few hours after the murder of Sharda Prasad Rawat, fatal attack was made on Chhotey Lal Yadav. This incident did not take place on a roadside. When Chhotey Lal Yadav was sitting in the house of Shri Mohan Lal Gupta in Khaga Tehsil, the assassins come there and pumped bullets into his head and he is in a state of coma. My submission is that these two very persons who had been my colleagues in the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, asked me to request Shri Kalyan Singh donot be scared of his name - who is the Chief Minister, to provide him bodyguards for his security. I told him that I am myself an M.P., I had been an M.P. and the leader of the opposition too in the past, but yet hon. Mulayam Singh Yadav, the then Chief Minister withdrew my gunners despite the fact that I had been the leader of the opposition party that time. I told him that even my gunners have been withdrawn, so how can I provide him security.

Sir, the second thing that I want to say is that the main reason for the prevailing fear at present is that 70 per cent S.H.Os of the police station have been sent to the C.I.D. as has been the case in Fatehpur. Sir, they did not join their duly and as a result, all the police stations are lying unmanned there. Hence the situation of law and order is deteriorating all over the State. My request is that since the State Government is indulging in mass transfers and postings only and is on the lookout as to how they could attack the former Chief Minister and a particular caste to which he belongs. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Now you conclude it. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, yesterday, when the issue of the murder of Shri Rawat was raised, I told that there must be such type of atmosphere all over the country which may enable every political worker in democracy to perform his work without any fear. I owe my responsibility to maintain such atmosphere in the States ruled by the Bhartiya Janata Party. However, neither I am not in a position to answer any issue in detail nor this forum is appropriate for that. Many issues can be discussed in the Vidhan Sabha where many of our representatives are sitting. No one can answer their questions here. Neither the Home Minister nor I can do it. In this connection, the only thing that I can do - and I am confident that all of the members of the House will do the same - is to condemn it. I should rather use the word ' unreserved condemnation' of the murder of Shri Rawat as also todays' attack on another person. No body will disagree with this. I do not know whether there was any lapse in providing security, but as I promised yesterday, I have told the Chief Minister categorically. When I spoke to him and told him to look into the entire issue in order to find out whether it was a case of personal animosity or a political murder, he told me that according to the information he had so far, the F.I.R. lodged did not mention any name of a political leader or a political worker. Whatever is perceivable there is that it does not appear to be political. Yet, I insisted that a thorough investigation should be done in the case because if there is a political murder, the case becomes more serious, if it is individual one, in that case also it is serious, murder in any case is a serious matter, but if a murder

is political one, it is much more serious. I can say only this much that so far as Uttar Pradesh is concerned, it is alert to its duties and responsibilities and after all I am satisfied with the situation of law and order there. (*Interruptions*) Success to some extent has been achieved in containing the activities of the mafia gangs. (*Interruptions*) I agree that the deserving persons, the political workers must be given security but at the same time I would also like to say that while taking the decisions pertaining to security, the Chief Minister has taken into consideration the fact that the security guards are not misused as has been done in the past when the people were provided security guards but they were running mafia gangs. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): Sir, I listened to the observations made by various leaders of the various political parties. There is no doubt that the security of an individual, more so a political worker, is important and that has to be provided. But is always depends on the assessment of the threat perception and if the Government is convinced that there is a threat, security has to be provided. In this particular instance, I also join all the leaders in their feelings and the condemnation of the attack. But, at the same time, the Home Minister shall get in touch with the U.P. Government to know further details about it. Otherwise, I may not be able to provide you any information at the moment. Certainly, we shall speak to the Chief Minister of the State Government on this issue.

MR. SPEAKER: Matters relating to atrocities on Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes and assaults on the politicians are discussed on the floor of the House many times.

13.00 hrs

We all know that according to the Constitutional provisions, they are to be dealt with mainly by the State Governments. The Government of India also has some moral responsibility in regard to these atrocities of other kind and a remote responsibility too, to provide guidelines on the policies also.

We are told that the hon. Prime Minister is going to call a meeting of the Chief Ministers, to discuss the atrocities on the weaker sections in the society. I think, that the matters relating to atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are going to be discussed there. I have some information, which is not confirmed, that the matters relating to atrocities or the condition of the women may also be discussed. I think, it would be appropriate, if the matter relating to the security of the politicians also is discussed in the meeting.

Now, these are the matters which cannot be taken up without any notice and discussed and policies cannot be formulated. It is necessary to apply our mind in depth to these issues and then discuss these matters with the Chief Ministers and the State Governments, who are mainly responsible. So, I think, it would be in the fitness of things, if this matter also is taken up the in the meeting of the NDC or in any other meeting. I think, this House, will certainly be happy if this matter is discussed over there and I hope that the Government will take note of it.

Once more thing. Today, may I request the hon. Members, not to press to raise other issues because already we have taken up one hour and there are other important legislative business with us and if we do not transact the legislative business and all those other things, it would be very difficult to finish the legislative work within the time in which it has to be done. Because, the Bills have to be passed by this House and they have to go